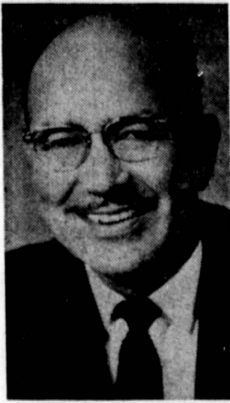


Candidates for City Offices Reviewed for Voters

MAYOR

Following are sketches of the candidates seeking election as mayor at the April 10 municipal election.



ALBERT ISEN

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Mayor Albert Isen, who was appointed to the post in 1955 by fellow councilmen and then became the city's first elected mayor in 1958, is seeking reelection with the declaration that he will continue to work vigorously to make Torrance "a better place in which to live and work."

A native of Los Angeles, he came to Torrance with his parents in 1913 and was the first student to complete elementary and high school in the city schools. He completed studies for law at the University of Southern California in 1930, and since 1933 has maintained a law practice in Torrance.

He has served as area chairman of the American National Red Cross for four years, winning the J. Earle Jardine Jr. Trophy for Torrance for the first time, headed the annual YMCA fund drive, spearheaded the campaign to establish the Southwest Branch of the Superior Court on the Torrance Civic Center, and introduced the idea that Torrance enter the "All America" contest. In this contest he gathered information on the city and appeared before Dr. George Gallup and the jury in Memphis, with the result that Torrance was selected one of the nation's "All-America" cities.

Arthur Armijo

Arthur Armijo, 47-year-old self-employed metal craft worker, has entered the campaign for mayor with the pledge that the office of mayor be kept in the hands and control of the people if he is elected.

Armijo, a resident of Torrance for five years, lives at 4309 Carson St. He has been a California resident since he was a young boy.

The candidate has been in the metal craft business for 16 years, and has been accustomed during those years to serving the public.

"I know their wants and complains pertaining to civic affairs," he said.

Armijo is a Navy veteran, active in the PTA, Moose Lodge, and the Catholic church.



JEFF BELL

Jeff Bell

Jeff W. Bell, active in North Torrance youth baseball for several years, has entered the campaign to seek election as mayor at the April 10 city elections. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the City Council two years ago.

A resident of Torrance for 23 years, Bell helped organize the Torrance Youth Baseball Council, was president of the Torrance Babe Ruth League, and secretary and vice presi-

dent of the North Torrance Little League.

Bell lives with his wife, Jane, and sons at 3719 W. 187th St. He served with the Navy during World War II, and as a welder in the Harbor after the war. He now is a barber.

He attended high school in Monette, Ark., after moving there from his native Mississippi.

He has pledged that, if elected, he will work for all segments of the city, not catering to any individual or groups.



WILLYS BLOUNT

Willys Blount

Willys G. Blount, a member of the City Council since 1950, has pledged to see that the city follows a "single standard" for all citizens, and to see that the "faint, protesting voice of its own taxpayers" is heard.

He has promised an end to favoritism in zoning, and said he is now studying the possibility of more stringent legislation to end zoning discrimination.

He has called for a comprehensive study by a citizen's committee of the city's zoning laws. He also has said he believes every resident deserves an even break provided that break does not jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Blount was born in San Augustine, Tex., in 1916 and attended Texas A & M and Pacific Coast University of Law. He moved to Torrance in 1948 and lives now at 1444 El Prado.

He is a member of Torrance Lodge 447, F & A M; Redondo Chapter No. 101, Royal Arch Masons; Golden West Commandry No. 43; Knight's Templar, and Al Malaikah Temple of the Shrine. He is a sales engineer for Kirkhill Rubber Co., where he has been employed for 23 years.

During his 12 years on the City Council, he has served as chairman of the Torrance City to City program, and as a member of the state college committee and the council library committee.



ROGER HOGUE

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Roger P. (Pat) Hogue, 40, one of five candidates for the office of mayor, said he entered the campaign at the urging of friends who "are tired of the present policy-makers sitting on their hands trying to rest on their laurels and collect feathers for their bonnets."

He has termed the present planning of the city "atrocious," and has flayed the frequent practice for the City Council in overriding the recommendations of the Planning Commission. He also has called for accelerated acquisition of park land for the city and for an increase in facilities for senior citizens.

Hogue, who lives at 4630 Toucan St., is a native of Ritchie, Ark., and has lived in Tor-

rance since 1955. He is a sheet metal foreman for a Los Angeles firm and has been a member of Local 108 for 15 years.

He served aboard the USS Yorktown for 26 months during World War II, and now has a son serving in the Marine Corps.

He has been president, vice president, and board chairman for the Southwest Park Civic Assn., chairman of the Torrance Water Commission, and chairman of the Torrance Youth Baseball Council for two years. He also was coordinator of the Pop Warner Football Assn., and a member of the Torrance-Konya City to City committee.

He has spent seven years in youth baseball programs as coach, manager, and board member.

In 1959 he worked on the fund-raising program for the Tournament of Roses entry and for the past three years has helped decorate the city's parade entry.

COUNCIL

Following are sketches of the candidates seeking one of three seats open on the City Council at the April 10 municipal election.



GARTH BELKNAP

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Garth Belknap, a Torrance High School teacher, is campaigning for a City Council seat for the second time, stating the "kind of work a person does for a living can be either an asset or a liability when it comes to determining a candidate's qualifications for a public office."

Belknap, who teaches American history, stated he could think of no other kind of work where a person is as free to serve both in personal interest and the public good as he is teaching.

And, he said, "no other work or occupation conflicts less with the responsibilities of a councilman."

The candidate lives at 17822 Bailey Drive, and is vice president of the North Torrance Democrats. He is a member of the Torrance Education Assn., California Teachers Assn., and the National Educational Assn.



JAY A. BEASLEY

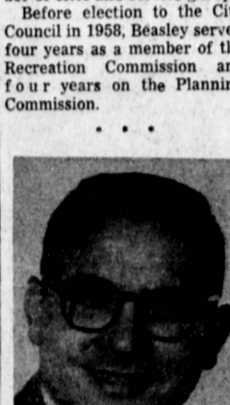
Jay A. Beasley

Councilman J. A. Beasley, the only incumbent seeking reelection as a councilman, has declared that the construction of a new municipal auditorium is one of the city's most outstanding needs.

Beasley, during his four-year term as a councilman, has taken a keen interest in highway and traffic matters, and was elected last year as president of the Inter-City Highway Committee, an organization composed of officials and civic leaders from most of the cities in Southwest Los Angeles County. He has been active in the move to accelerate construction of the San Diego Freeway, and made several appearances before the State Highway Commission in Sacramento in this regard.

He is married to a Torrance schoolteacher, and has a son and two daughters. He was a lay leader in the Welteria Methodist Church for four years, and is active in a number of civic and service groups.

Before election to the City Council in 1958, Beasley served four years as a member of the Recreation Commission and four years on the Planning Commission.



JOHN J. BARTON

John J. Barton

John J. Barton, Torrance attorney, is making his second bid for a City Council seat with a campaign against spot-zoning and the pressures placed on homeowners by apartment construction.

Barton, who resides at 4160 Via Lado, has said he would seek to help homeowners maintain their communities in a



RUSS CAMERON

Russ Cameron

"Every taxpayer deserves the maximum government effort for every tax dollar spent," Russ E. (Russ) Cameron has stated during his campaign for election to the City Council.

"I chose Torrance as a place to buy a home, raise my children, and to work because of its school system, its potential low tax structure, and because Torrance is a good healthy community in which to live."

Cameron says he believes the city can improve services while holding the tax line, and by plugging some of the drains, give a measure of tax reduction.

Cameron lives at 4913 Binde-wald Road and is a self-employed agent for a mutual investment funds company. He has lived in California for 10 years and in Torrance for six. He is a veteran of six years service in the aviation branch of the Navy.

He and his wife, Donna, have three children, Jeffrey, 12, and twins Donald and Douglas 6.



JEAN CLAWSON

Jean Clawson

Mrs. Jean Clawson, businesswoman and housewife, is seeking election to the City Council. The mother of a 4-year-old girl and a teenage son, Mrs. Clawson has been a Torrance resident for 10 years, residing at 2909 El Dorado St. She and her husband own and operate a secretarial and printing company.

Prior to establishing the firm with her husband three years ago, Mrs. Clawson was employed in the Personnel Department of General Petroleum Corp. (now Mobil Oil) at its Torrance refinery, and four years prior to that she spent four years in the firm's controller's department.

She is a member of the YMCA board of managers, active in the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, Junior Women's Club, Madrona PTA, Torrance Traffic Safety Council, and is active in her church. She has also been active in many civic and charitable campaigns.

She has expressed concern about the atmosphere of the city in which her children are being raised and seeks to improve that through work with the city, she said during her campaign.

Earle A. Foster

"Torrance today is faced with a many-faceted challenge," says Earle A. Foster, engineering supervisor at North American Aviation and candidate for the Torrance City Council.

A healthy balance must be maintained for continued growth and development, Foster said.

been active in all phases of Scout work.



"On one side, Torrance must continue to offer excellent civic facilities as hospitals, parks, schools, and residential areas; and on the other side, industry and business must seek location in Torrance as the ideal city."

The responsibility for maintaining this balance lies to a great extent on the shoulders, both collectively and individually, of your City Council, he said.

"Each Councilman must be industrious, have solid business judgment, have both educational and experience backgrounds to cope with the many problems and decisions to be made, have profound civic pride, be free of the ties of selfish interests, and above all retain a broad view of all city matters to maintain a healthy balance of values to insure a better Torrance tomorrow," the candidate said.

"It is with these aims and goals in mind that I have considered myself an able and competent candidate for the office of City Councilman."

Foster, who lives at 21314 Marjorie Ave., has been in California for 10 years and has lived in Torrance for six. He has been employed at North American Aviation at the International Airport for six years.

The 36-year-old aircrafter is a member of the North American Management Club, National Management Assn., and is committee secretary to Boy Scout Troop 966 of Torrance.

Harley E. Gibson

Harley E. Gibson, 4127 W. 182nd St., manager of a law office, has pledged to work toward more realistic zoning procedures if elected to the City Council.

He is a veteran of World War II, and has attended a school of photography and studied law at Southwestern University. He is married and the father of five children.

Arthur D. Kinane

Development of a sound master plan and adherence to that plan is important for the growth and potential of a community, Arthur Kinane has said in his campaign for the City Council.

Owner and operator of an answering service, Kinane has been in California for 10 years and in Torrance for 7 years. He is president of the Southwest Park Civic Assn., a post he held in 1957-58.

He has asked that the city



ARTHUR D. KINANE

establish growth goals, develop zones to implement the growth, provide educational and recreational facilities for present and future needs, expand existing airport potential, and provide drainage systems wherever applicable.

"A good balanced community can only result in a tax burden relief which we so desperately need," he said.

Kinane is married, the father of four children, and resides at 4713 W. 191st St.

George Kurtz

Attorney George Kurtz, active in many civic affairs including the chairmanship of the Library Commission, is seeking to extend that concern in public affairs in his campaign for a City Council seat.

A resident of 23004 Evalyn Ave., Kurtz and his wife Eileen have three sons, Robert, 10, and twins Clifton and Kenneth 8.

He served with the 96th Infantry Division in the Pacific Theater during World War II, and returned to take a bachelor of arts in English from UCLA in 1950. After teaching at Santa Cruz High School, he returned to the University of



GEORGE KURTZ

California where he received his law degree in 1955. He has maintained his law office here since 1957.

Kurtz has been particularly critical of proposals to rezone industrial land for residential use, and spearheaded a referendum drive which is credited with forcing the abandonment of one such proposal recently.

He has asked for a study of community zoning, a serious community study of its library system, and sound recreation program, and an increased police department.



DAVID K. LYMAN

David K. Lyman

David K. Lyman, Torrance attorney, member of the State Bar of California, and president of Torrance Democrats, Inc., is seeking one of the three seats open on the City Council at the April 20 election.

Lyman, a native of Los Angeles, was graduated by the University of Southern California in 1950 with a degree in business administration. He completed studies for the law at USC in 1953, and has practiced law in Torrance since.

He is a member of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, Toastmasters Club, Kiwanis Club and Elks Club and is vice president of the Methodist Men's Club of Torrance.

He has waged his campaign on a nonpartisan basis, stressing his opposition to the holding of large tracts of raw land by what he calls "speculators" and calling for realistic zoning of the city's land.

He has pledged to use honest and independent judgment on all city matters, to fight for a master plan for development of vacant land, oppose special interest groups who might attempt to "recklessly rezone Torrance industrial land," and to work for councilmanic districts.



NAOMI A. McVEY

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Mrs. Naomi McVey, Torrance resident for 11 years and active in a score of civic programs, is seeking election to the City Council April 10.

The wife of Kenneth McVey,

Doug as Aircraft employee, Mrs. McVey has three children, David, 19, a sophomore at the University of Arizona; Julie, 17, a senior at North High School; and Cheryl, 7, a first grader at Yukon Elementary School.

She came to Torrance when it was suffering its first growing pains, she stated. Opportunities for civic endeavors were many, and Mrs. McVey became very interested in her community.

Among the honors she has received as the result of her civic activities was the selection as the city's outstanding citizen for 1961 in the annual Chamber of Commerce judging.

Mrs. McVey served for five years on the Parks and Recreation Commission, representing the commission at the California Recreation Society in San Jose last year. She was one of 27 women selected by the Air Force Assn. to make a three-day trip to the Air Force Academy.

"I believe it is time to have a woman on the City Council," she says. She has pledged her wholehearted support to good city government.



KEN MILLER

Ken Miller

A newcomer to city political campaigns but no newcomer to Torrance is Ken Miller, seeking one of the three open seats on the City Council. He was born in Torrance, took his schooling here and at Occidental College and University of Southern California, and started and operates his own business here.

A member of the city's Planning Commission, Miller refers to his service there as indicating his ability to show courage time after time to vote for the best interests of the community.

He has served as area chairman for the American Red Cross, member of the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Elks Lodge, and the Torrance Kiwanis Club. He is past president and director of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

He and his wife, Judy, and their three children live at 20514 Amie Ave.

"Torrance is my future . . . my home, my family, and business are here. I share the hopes and concern for a better Torrance—now," he has stated.



NAT MONDATI

Nat Mondati

"I have always been interested in my community and its betterment," stated 45-year-old Nat Mondati, barber, 3125 Sonoma St., as he seeks election to the City Council.

A Torrance resident for 18 years, Mondati has operated his own business for 10 years. He attended schools in Minnesota and later took his at El Camino College, Long Beach College, and Pepperdine. (Continued on Page 6)